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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

SUBJECT: Attempt to Contact Janis OZOLS by Telephone

1. In a conference attended by Messrs [ ] and [ ] of Contacts Division and the undersigned, the decision was made that the undersigned would attempt to contact Janis OZOLS by telephone in order to establish the following points; prior to an attempt by OO to contact him:

- a. Is OZOLS still in Canada and what are his plans regarding the future.
- b. What is his status at present. Is he in Canada legally or just on a temporary permit, possibly as a seaman.
- c. Can he use the English language satisfactory, or what other language would be suitable.
- d. Would it be possible for him to come to the U.S. either on a visitors permit if he is legally in Canada, or by procuring a berth on a ship scheduled to come to a U.S. port, if he is in possession of a seaman's permit which is about to expire.

The chief of SR/BA concurred with the decision to attempt to contact OZOLS by telephone.

2. On 28 February 1952 the undersigned found that no one by the name of Teodors DREIMANIS or Janis OZOLS was listed in the Toronto telephone directory. However, one A. DREIMANIS residing at 68 Withrow, Toronto, Canada telephone number Riverdale 4851 was located. Since Flippin revealed that an A. DREIMANIS was not known to him and since T. DREIMANIS did have his father living in Canada, this number was called. It was found that no one at Riverdale 4851 could furnish T. DREIMANIS' telephone number; however, the phone number of his sister, Mrs. HARJU, Riverdale 4586, was obtained. A call to this number resulted in a query regarding the identity of the caller. Mrs. HARJU was informed that the caller was a personal friend of her brother, T. DREIMANIS, and had known him as a displaced person in Germany shortly after World War II. This apparently satisfied Mrs. HARJU who then gave her brother's phone number as being Riverdale 5304.

3. The first attempt to call T. DREIMANIS was unsuccessful as he was not at home. During the second call mention of Janis OZOLS and a request for his phone number and address brought instantaneous result, indicating that DREIMANIS is apparently well aware of the entire JAKOBSON complex. According to DREIMANIS, Janis OZOLS address in Toronto is 9 Strathmore Blvd. and his phone number is Riverdale 4069.

4. The first two attempts to call OZOLS were uneventful as he was not at home. On the third call it was found that OZOLS was at work in

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the recently constructed glass factory in Toronto. He was finally reached on the next call and revealed the following;

- a. He has no definite plans for the future other than attempting to reach American Intelligence and cooperate with the Americans. (This was indicated by inference only).
- b. He is in Canada legally, having entered Canada in July 1951.
- c. He speaks good English
- d. Even though he has applied for a permit to visit the U.S., he will have to wait for such permit for approximately 5-6 more months.
- e. He believed that he could possibly procure employment on a vessel touching a U.S. port; however, he would still have to wait 5-6 months for permission to leave Canada.
- f. He has known JAKOBSON since approximately 1930 and considers him to be a very dear friend.

5. OZOLS was instructed to attempt to hurry along procurement of his U.S. entry permit on his own without revealing our interest in him. In addition he was also informed that the distance plus the fact that he is in another country creates certain difficulties and hinders direct contact. However, attempts to find a solution are being made and he will be informed of the results. The conversation ended in advice to OZOLS that he should not think there is disinterest and/or stalling, but rather that the aforementioned factors are difficulties that may well be hurdled in time.

6. Suggested action: that OO be requested to debrief OZOLS in Canada.

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OZOLS Complex

In November 1951, [redacted], a Latvian national who is practicing medicine at a hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, came to Washington, D.C. to meet with Mr. [redacted] of SR/2 and Mr. [redacted] of EE/Polish Desk. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss [redacted]'s claim that he knew of correspondence between Latvia and the West. At that time [redacted] stated that an Albins SIETINSONS, a Latvian national residing in Bay City, Michigan, regularly received letters from someone in Latvia. He further stated that a boat occasionally came from Latvia to Sweden; the representative stayed in Sweden for a short period of time and again departed for Latvia. [redacted] stated that he was not in a position to furnish more specific information, and suggested that Janis OZOLS, a Latvian seaman who resided in Toronto, Ontario, be contacted for additional details.

Mr. [redacted] requested that Contact Division/00 debrief OZOLS on his knowledge of the above details. Contact Division/00 replied that any debriefing of OZOLS would have to be cleared through the FBI and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Mr. [redacted] therefore cancelled the request.

[redacted] had been requested to inform [redacted] when OZOLS was able to enter the United States.

On January 1953, Janis OZOLS placed a call to the office of Mr. [redacted] and requested that he be put in touch with Mr. [redacted] (whom he knew only by alias). OZOLS was instructed to register at a hotel near the Union Station and then call the DOB sterile number,

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giving his room number and the name of the hotel at which he was registered. When OZOLS called with this information, he was instructed to remain in his room until a man (answering the physical description of Mr. [ ] ) contacted him.

OZOLS remained at the Hotel Carlyle for        days. After an initial debriefing by Mr. [ ], he was debriefed by [ ], a contract agent of SR/2.

According to information furnished by Janis OZOLS, there are two groups which have contact with Latvia.

The group in the Western Hemisphere consists of Gustavs CELMINS, Albins SIETINSONS, and DR. JACOBSEN. Albins SIETINSONS is the recipient of letters from an Ilmars RUPNERS who lives in Riga, Latvia. These letters contain an open code, so that they mean an entirely different thing when read by a person who knows the code used. OZOLS states that only he is knowledgeable to this code.

The group in Europe consists of Edgars BETMANIS, residing in England, Heinrichs URKIS, also residing in England, and Zigurds MELKIS, who lives in Sweden. OZOLS states that BETMANIS is the leader of this group. This group is allegedly in contact with the boat which arrives in Sweden from Latvia, and supposedly has prior knowledge of the ~~arrival~~ intended arrival.

OZOLS states that he is the connecting link between these two groups and that the group in the United States does not know of the activities of the group in Sweden and England.

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Nevertheless, when Gustavs CELMINS was contacted by CIA in 1951, he stated that he had had a letter from a friend who had heard from Riga, Latvia. He further stated that more information could be obtained on this letter from Sweden, but that he would have to go to Sweden to pick the man to act as intermediary between CIA and the source of information in Riga, Latvia. This information indicates that CELMINS may know more about the activities of the European group than OZOLS knows, or that OZOLS is not telling the truth in this matter.

OZOLS also stated that he had received letters directly from ~~an~~ a Janis LINIS in Riga, Latvia until the time of LINIS' death in 1949. He has offered to send these letters to us for our perusal.

OZOLS was asked whether he could establish contact between us and the group in England and Sweden. He offered to write letters to BETMANIS and MELKIS and set a meeting date, to take place in Stockholm, Sweden.

OZOLS also was asked whether he would be willing to return to his native country. He replied in the negative, but volunteered the name of a Leons OZOLS, presently residing in Canada. He stated that he would be willing to contact Leons OZOLS for us, but requested that we not attempt contact with prior notification to him.

When RI checks and Field traces were made on the above-mentioned individuals, certain information came to light which is included in the attachments.

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